Profit/loss Public Sector Units

626. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the units in the public sector under his Ministry put together have shown profit or incurred loss during the last two financial years, year-wise;

(b) the details thereof and what is the expectation for the current year i.e. 1986-87; and

(c) what steps have been taken and are proposed to be taken to improve profitability?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. K. K. TEWARY): (a) The Central Public Enterprises under the Ministry of Industry as on 31-3-86 have made an overall net loss of Rs. 125.90 crores in 1985-86 and Rs. 41.97 crores in 1984-85.

(b) Apart from the targets given in the Performance Budgets 1986-87 of the respective Departments, no realistic expectation for 1986-87 is available as the year has not yet ended.

(c) In general, the steps taken by Government to improve performance of Central Public Enterprises, include *inter alia*, monitoring and periodic review of performance by the administrative Ministries/Departments at very high levels and vigorous follow-up action of decisions taken in such meetings; upgradation of technology; modernisation and rehabilitation of plant and equipment wherever considered necessary; diversification of products; provision of balancing facilities; structural reorganisation involving formation of holding companies; training of personnel; encouragement of labour participation in management and improvement of productivity and efficiency thereby facilitating cost reduction and cost control etc.

Autonomous Regional Election Commission

627. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI: Will the Minister of Law AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Election Corrission of India have forwarded to the Government any new proposal for Electoral Reforms, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any proposal to appoint autonomous Regional Election Commissioners have been advanced by the Election Commission; and

(c) if so, what is the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes, Sir. A statement summarising the new proposals on electoral reforms is laid on the Table of the House. (*See* below)

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Statement

1. *Reduction in voting age*:

2. Driving away politics those who involve themselves with a motive solely of personal profit and power and attracting to politics those who involve themselves solely with a sense of service.

3. *Issue of Identity cards to voters*:

Multi-purpose identity cards may be useful for other facilities offered by Government, (like ration, health benefits, etc.)

4. *Public financing of elections*:

To deal with the problem of money power, it is necessary to evolve a scheme under which the burden of all legitimate election expenses could be shifted to the State.

5. *Official Machinery for preparation of electoral rolls and conduct of elections in the States*: